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Please add the following paragraph at Page 1, Line 2 of the application:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO OTHER APPLICATIONS

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Please replace the paragraph after the heading entitled "ABSTRACT" on
Page 20 with the following paragraph:

-- A belt tensioner $[(20)]$ for a belt drive $[(1)]$ is designed to connect an engine shaft $[(6)]$ of an internal-combustion engine $[(2)]$ to a reversible electric machine $[(4)]$ which has the function of starting motor and current generator; the belt tensioner $[(20)]$ comprises a fixed part $[(21)]$ and a pair of arms $(23, 24)$, hinged on a common pin $[(31)]$ carried by the fixed part $[(21)]$ and provided with respective idle pulleys $(25, 26)$, and a spring $[(27)]$, which forces the two arms $(23, 24)$ towards one another so as to load the pulleys $(25, 26)$ elastically against respective branches $(15a, 15b)$ of the belt $[(15)]$. The two arms $(23, 24)$ of the belt tensioner are provided with respective first arrest elements $(37, 47)$, which are designed to interact with the fixed portion $[(21)]$ to define respective positions of arrest of the arms themselves under the action of the spring $[(27)]$, and respective second arrest elements $(38, 48)$, which are designed to interact with the fixed

portion [(21)] to define respective positions of end-of-travel of the arms (23, 24) under the action of the pull of the belt [(15)].

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